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Newsletter of the South Shore Neptunes

Calendar

2019

7/21 Club Dive, 8AM
 7/27 President's Party @ Irish Cultural Center. Details on flier, last page of newsletter
 8/4 Duxbury Beach Outing. Details TBA
 8/6 General Meeting
 8/10 Club dive from clubhouse, 8AM
 8/11 (Sun) Duxbury Outing rain date
 8/13 Board Meeting
 8/18 ClubDive, from clubhouse, 8AM
 8/20 Program: Diving the Chester A Poling (tentative)/newsletter
 9/3 General Meeting
 9/10 Board Meeting
 9/15 Bay State Council Treasure Hunt
 9/17 Program/newsletter assembly
 9/21/28 Club Flea Market (tent.)
 10/1 General Meeting
 10/8 Board Meeting
 10/12 Club River Run on North River
 10/15 Program TBA/newsletter assembly
 10/27 ClubDive, from clubhouse, 9AM
 11/3 ClubDive, from clubhouse, 9AM
 11/5 General Meeting
 11/12 Board Meeting
 11/17 ClubDive, 9AM
 11/19 Program TBA/newsletter

ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & REMINDERS

- NEW: Online club U-853 t-shirt store: <<http://Southshoreneptunes.noslowturtles.com/store>>
- President's Party July 27. See flier on last page of newsletter for details
- Duxbury Outing August 4. See flier on next to last page of newsletter for details
- Saturday Sept 7 Shark Dive on the Snappa, (SnappaCharters.com)
 Boat Location Address: 33 State Street Narragansett, RI 02882. \$100 deposit to Ken Hayes immediately reserves spot and obligates your total financial participation. Cost \$200-\$225. Balance due BEFORE trip departs. Contact Ken for details :617-462-3920 or email <kenhayesedl@gmail.com>
- Spring 2020 Bonaire Club Dive Trip: Blackie announced members should save their money because he's planning a club dive trip to Bonaire. Details will be spread upon the club at a later date.

EVENING PROGRAM

Run Silent Run Deep , the movie, starring Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster, was a fitting follow-up to our dive on the WWII German sub the U-853. Pizza enhanced the experience.

JULY CLUB ACTIVITIES & DIVES

Ed. Note: there's been a tremendous amount of diving activity and about the underwater rugby team's recent success in the past few weeks, not to mention Fourth of July celebrations. I have posted at least 3 articles on the club FB page, including one on festivities over the 4th, and Jay Theriault has posted a huge spread complete with color photos on the UW rugby team. Those articles will not be repeated in this edition of the newsletter, due to time and space constraints. If there is one of interest you have heard about or would like a copy, let me know and I will send it to you personally.

Diving Beyond the Graves. Sunday, July 14. Story by Rob Robison.
 Photos by Tommy Lo and Rob R. What a beautiful day it was on the water.



Clearing skies, great sunshine, and a lot of good conversation. We boarded the Sandra Jean, which docked at the Quincy Yacht Club, a little after 8AM—**Tommy Lo, Doug and Amanda Eaton, Rob Vice, Paul Greene, Mark Zipeto, potential new Neptune Joe Peters, Todd Alger, Joe Kilcommons, Kevin McKenna, QYC member Jim McCabe** (along for

the ride), and I, and headed out beyond The Graves Lighthouse to a submerged rock mount or series of submerged rock mounts. Even though we all took two tanks, I only made one dive. I was hoping to find some interesting nudibranchs, to no avail.



After suiting up, I back rolled off the Sandra Jean's rail holding everything in place textbook style. Still, my mask popped off from the force of the drop. I had to be helped repositioning it and finally descended on the mount. I stayed near the anchor to work on my photography skills. Also, there was some surge and a slight but persistent current to deal with.



At first, all I saw were rocks coated with what seemed like zillions of tiny baby mussels, some crabs, and a proliferation of starfish, the most I have



seen in any one place in 4 years! Lots of silty water and silt-coated seaweed to contend with, as well, but seemingly no lobsters. Swimming, more like crawling, slowly around the area, though, I began to see tips of

lobster claws and antennae peeking out and twitching about from between cracks in the rocks and from underneath the ledges.



Then, after the commotion created by our boat motors—Tod Alger and Joe K roared up in a Joe's boat and rafted with ours—anchoring, and divers dropping in had subsided, lobsters

started to appear part way out of the openings, and in some cases they were walking along the rock faults. I snapped a few shots.

About 20 minutes into the dive, Tommy Lo, who had organized the trip, and Joe Peters, who was low on air, appeared and wanted to have a photo taken before surfacing; however, the photos didn't come out because I couldn't get them close enough to the camera due to the surge. Oh well. Tommy came back down and found me. I indicated lobsters and pointed out a keeper, which he gleefully extracted from its hiding place and bagged. He went on his way, and I continued taking photos for a while before surfacing with two-thirds of a tank of air remaining.



Although I wasn't into the hunt yesterday and was hoping for more interesting subject matter, just about everyone who wanted them found lobsters. Todd

was king with 14, with the rest tagging along between 1 and 6 or so. Water temps ranged from 48-50° depending on depth. The max I heard reported was 50.' I stayed around 36.' The vis ranged from @5' to not much more. Regardless, it was just a whole lot of fun being out there and getting wet with great weather and camaraderie.

On the way back to the yacht club, Tommy pulled out a beautiful rare roast beef sub to munch on. Turns out he buys them at what looks like a derelict general store, named Bernie's, so I made a pit stop at the place on the way home and bought one, simply delicious, and wolfed it before reaching the expressway.

It is so much fun getting together with a bunch of friends to dive into it and enjoy each other's company. Hope you, too, are taking advantage of the great weather to dive into it and enjoy what the underwater world has to offer.

Dive safely everyone,

Rob

P.S. Special thanks to Tommy Lo for organizing the day's dive trip and to Capt Kevin and QYC member Jim, who added their own personal flavor to the event.





South Shore Neptunes Skin Divers Club

Cordially invites you to attend our

2019 President's Annual Summer Party

Date: Saturday, July 27, 2019

Time: 5:00 PM until closing

*Cocktail hour 5 – 6 PM (Cash Bar); Buffet 6 – 7 PM, times approximate;
Menu: steak tips, sausages, burgers, hotdogs, salad, water, and more!*

Location: Irish Cultural Center

200 New Boston Drive, Canton, MA

Cost: \$18.00 per person *Includes cookout, games, prizes, and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at club meetings or online by following our website link at:*

<<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-south-shore-neptunes-annual-presidents-party-tickets-60228555230?aff=SSNWebsite>>

Who: South Shore Neptunes Dive Club and all members of the dive community, including family and friends.

We encourage you to invite anyone you feel would enjoy the party, whether part of the dive community or not. Check out our website for all the details using the QR code:





Annual Duxbury Beach OUTING

SUNDAY AUGUST 4 9 am - 4 pm

Volleyball Tug of War Pinata
Three-Legged & Sack Race
Wheelbarrow Race

MENU INCLUDES

- BBQ CHICKEN
- HAMBURGERS
- HOT DOGS
- ITALIAN SAUSAGES
- CORN ON THE COB
- WATERMELON

ICED TEA, LEMONADE

No one has ever gone hungry at our Picnic
Bring Your Appetite!

\$15 per person; children 5 and under are free.

